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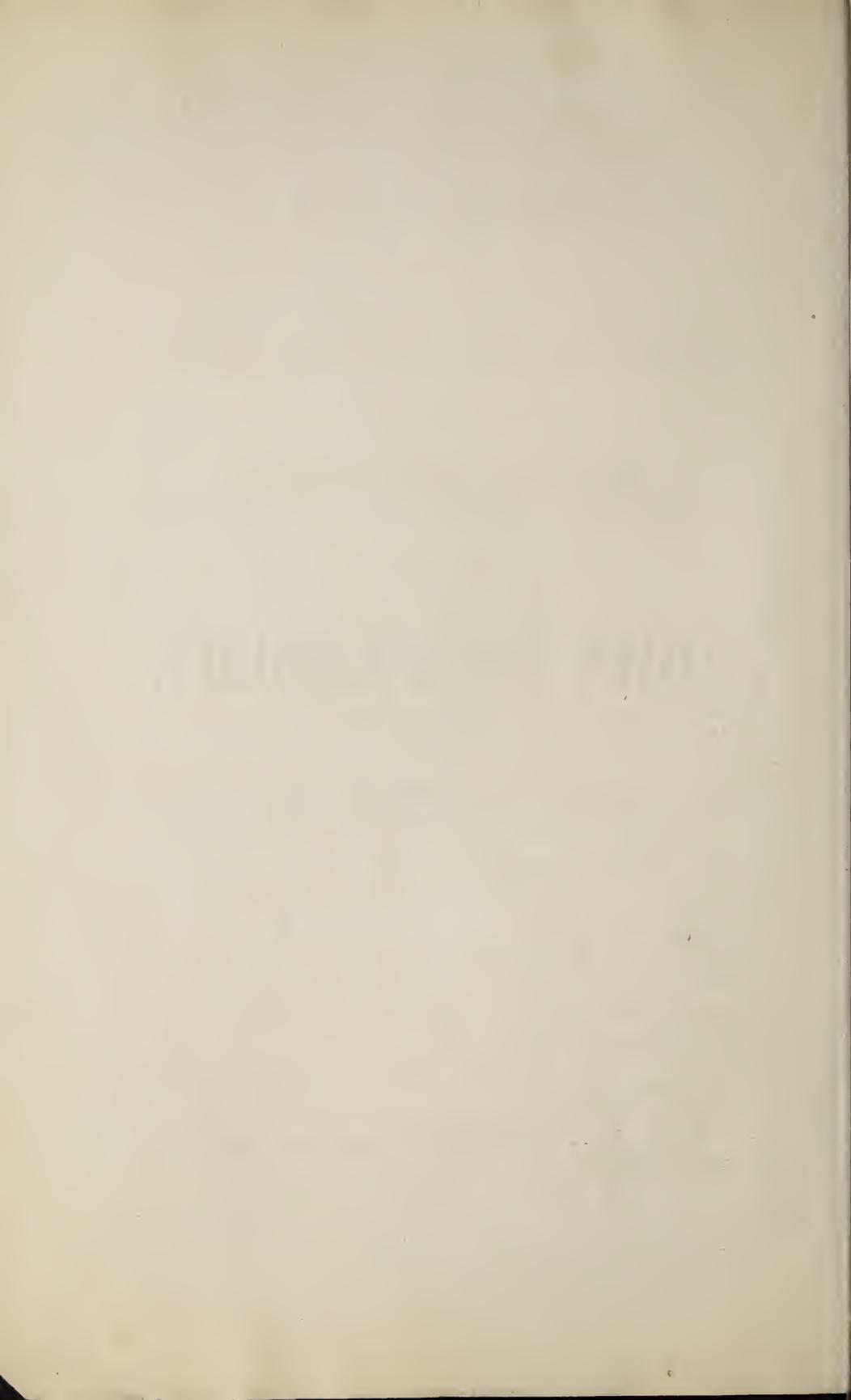
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## SALISBURY TOWN MEETING.

AT TOWN HALL, TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, AT ONE O'CLOCK.

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Art. 1. To choose a Moderator.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, one School Committee, and all other necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No," in answer to the question—"Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Art. 4. To see what discount, if any, the town will vote to allow for the prompt payment of taxes.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on unpaid taxes.

Art. 6. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money, if necessary, under the approval of the Selectmen.

Art. 7. To vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 8. To hear the report of the Selectmen concerning guide-boards.

Art. 9. To act on the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen.

Art. 10. To act on any other matter that may legally come before the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SELECTMEN OF SALISBURY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

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HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES.

HIGHWAY No. 1—C. M. PIKE, SURVEYOR.

Paid	Caleb Pike, labor.....	\$21 65
	C. M. Pike, labor.....	18 10
	Wesley Pettengill, labor.....	21 96
	Daniel Creed, labor.....	23 70
	George C. Pike, labor.....	12 50
	John B. Pike, labor.....	12 50
	George B. Rich, labor.....	2 00
	William Wall, labor.....	2 90
	Arthur H. Fullford, labor.....	3 45
	Perkins Merrill, gravel.....	3 12
	John C. Jones.....	2 55
	John J. Pike.....	1 80
	James Pike.....	3 10
	Henry S. Pike.....	2 75
	Joseph M. Currier.....	2 75
	George W. Eaton.....	5 07
	Frank H. Penniman.....	75
	Boston & Maine Railroad, bill of gravel.....	2 20
	Total amount.....	\$142 85

NOTE.—\$28.61 of the above amount was for snow paths.

## HIGHWAY No. 2—N. P. FRENCH, SURVEYOR.

Paid	Alston M. True, labor.....	\$67 50
	N. P. French, labor.....	26 55
	Joseph S. Merrill, labor.....	27 50
	James C. Colman, hauling cinders.....	15 60
	Alfred M. Pike, labor.....	15 13
	Herbert A. Dow, labor.....	12 60
	Perkins Merrill, gravel.....	9 28
	Boston & Maine Railroad, gravel.....	2 00
	Joshua Janvin, labor.....	5 40
	E. P. Getchell, labor.....	3 90
	Frank Goddard, labor.....	8 20
	C. D. Brown, labor.....	1 50
	George H. French, labor.....	2 10
	Oliver F. Roop, labor.....	3 00
	Frank P. Merrill, labor.....	3 80
	Wm. H. French, labor.....	2 25
	Total amount.....	\$206 31

NOTE.—\$3.80 of the above is for snow paths.

## HIGHWAY No. 3—P. A. TRUE, SURVEYOR.

Paid	P. A. True, labor and materials.....	\$138 15
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NOTE.—\$6.87 of the above is for snow paths.

## HIGHWAY No. 4—SAMUEL M. COLLINS, SURVEYOR.

Paid	Alvin W. French, labor.....	\$27 72
	Samuel Stevens, labor.....	26 35
	Samuel M. Collins, labor.....	24 25
	J. Smith Pike, labor.....	23 20
	Joseph Pike, labor.....	22 10
	Jonathan B. Currier, labor.....	12 85
	Isaac W. Greeley, labor.....	11 87
	Alston M. True, labor.....	8 50
	E. P. Getchell, labor.....	5 15
	John L. Bragg, labor.....	1 50
	Avirus S. Varney, labor.....	1 10
	Oliver F. Lewis, labor.....	3 52
	Thomas Barry, labor.....	1 60
	Frank Bragg, labor.....	3 00
	Jeremiah Dexter, labor.....	5 25
	A. P. Hilton, labor.....	6 75

Paid	Timothy Pike, lumber.....	3 08
	William Buswell, labor.....	3 00
	Perkins Merrill, gravel.....	2 16
	Oliver F. Roop, labor.....	1 50
	Total amount	\$194 45

NOTE.—\$26.35 of the above amount was for snow paths.

HIGHWAY No. 5—A. L. MORRILL, SURVEYOR.

Paid	Abraham L. Morrill, labor and materials.....	\$199 36
	David B. Sanborn, labor.....	27 00
	Francis W. Goodwin, labor .....	12 75
	Roby Morrill, labor .....	9 70
	J. Newell Pike, labor.....	3 50
	Amasa Pike, labor.....	2 90
	Elmer E. Pike, labor .....	2 60
	Total .....	\$257 81

NOTE.—\$59.90 of above amount was for snow paths.

HIGHWAY No. 6—C. C. SANBORN, SURVEYOR.

Paid	Charles C. Sanborn, labor and material .....	\$94 89
	Edmund Morrill, labor .....	48 60
	Gardner Clifford, labor.....	12 67
	Total .....	\$156 16

NOTE.—\$23.50 of above amount was for snow paths.

HIGHWAY No. 7—JOHN F. EATON, SURVEYOR.

Paid	N. T. Pike, hauling gravel.....	\$41 25
	John F. Eaton, labor and materials.....	49 50
	W. H. French, labor.....	37 60
	Edward W. Eaton, labor.....	70
	W. F. Ricker, labor.....	4 30
	F. H. Blaisdell, labor.....	4 00
	John Pow, labor.....	90
	True Eaton, labor.....	4 10
	Henry Short, labor.....	3 00
	Wm. S. Eaton, labor.....	3 90
	Calvin D. Blaisdell, labor.....	2 90
	P. Merrill, gravel.....	4 72
	Total .....	\$156 87

NOTE.—\$27.60 of above amount was for snow paths.

## NEWBURYPORT BRIDGE.

Paid A. B. Varney, care one year.....	\$44 50
James C. Colman, lumber .....	43 37
Samuel Coffin, labor .....	21 65
N. P. French, labor.....	12 00
J. M. Eaton, expense on bridge.....	1 34
Geo. Rich, labor .....	4 50
Albert C. Colby, labor .....	4 50
Joseph Perkins, labor .....	4 50
Frank Perkins, labor .....	3 50
Geo. W. Ross, stone.....	15 00
B. & M. Railroad, freight on stone.....	8 00
W. H. Huse & Co., printing.....	12 76
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Total .....	\$175 62

## ESSEX MERRIMAC BRIDGE.

Paid Town of Amesbury, care and repairs .....	\$120 58
Total expenses highway and bridges.....	\$1548 80

## TOWN HALL.

Paid James C. Colman, lumber.....	\$83 37
S. H. Thurlow, nails, locks &c.....	11 10
Charles H. Lord, labor.....	19 48
Frank N. Pike, labor.....	16 50
F. A. Sillway, curtains.....	10 60
J. M. Eaton, supplies and labor.....	17 19
S. H. Chapin & Co., nails.....	48
Moody & Merrill, lumber.....	3 40
Wesley Pettengill, teaming.....	1 50
C. H. Meader, mason work.....	4 00
L. H. Noyes, doors, windows and paint.....	14 78
Samuel Stevens, labor.....	3 00
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	\$185 40

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid W. H. Huse & Co., printing Town and School Reports.....	\$65 00
W. H. Huse & Co., printing Town Warrants &c..	20 93
Evans & Milliken, printing.....	8 50
John F. Johnson, stationery.....	2 25
Pratt Brothers, Assessors' notices.....	1 25
C. K. Darling, Collector's book.....	1 15

Paid	J. Q. A. Pettengill, Registrars' Notices .....	1 00
	Prevaux's Express, services.....	2 55
	Wells' Express, services.....	4 40
	P. H. Moulton, postage.....	4 00
	P. H. Moulton, posting warrants.....	3 00
	N. Varina estate, coal for Town Office.....	8 38
	J. M. Eaton, census and registration of scholars...	6 00
	J. M. Eaton, supplies to town office.....	1 64
	J. M. Eaton, expenses to Salem.....	3 50
	Charles L. Allen, insurance.....	4 40
	S. B. Carter, insurance.....	2 1 00
	E. R. Sibley, Tucker gravel land.....	35 06
	C. L. Ayers, serving notice.....	1 50
	J. M. Eaton, 2 guide boards and posts.....	6 00
	J. M. Eaton, distributing school supplies.....	1 1 96
	J. M. Eaton, paying State aid.....	6 00
	J. C. Colman, lumber for guide boards .....	65
	Geo. W. Snow, return of births.....	75
	J. M. Eaton, expense on corporation taxes .....	13 50
	John L. Pillsbury, return of deaths.....	2 00
	Joseph F. Dow, services as Fish Warden.....	2 00
	Samuel Stevens, services as Auditor.....	1 00
	Moses H. Sargent, book for Treasurer.....	75
	Thompson, Brown & Co., old school bill.....	10 80
	L. P. Causey, rent of land.....	8 00
	Levi J. Merrill, rent of land.....	1 00
	P. A. True, services as School Committee.....	30 00
	P. A. True, use of team for visiting schools.....	7 70
	J. M. Eaton, services as School Committee.....	25 00
	John B. Pike, damage to carriage .....	4 50
	George W. Merrill, Registrar of Voters.....	8 50
	J. Q. A. Pettengill, Registrar of Voters.....	7 50
	David P. Goodwin, Registrar of Voters.....	7 50
	Wallace Sanborn, Registrar of Voters.....	6 50
	George W. Merrill, services as Town Clerk.....	15 00
	George W. Merrill, services recording 25 births...	12 50
	George W. Merrill, services recording 12 marriages	1 80
	George W. Merrill, services recording 22 deaths..	4 80
	Amos B. Coffin, services as School Committee....	15 00
	Wesley Pettengill, services Selectman and Assessor	50 00
	Joseph M. Eaton, services Selectman and Assessor	65 00
	John Q. Evans, services Selectman and Assessor..	25 00
	Total Miscellaneous.....	\$545 62

## LAW AND ORDER.

Paid Law and Order League, services.....	\$138 80
Charles H. Lord, police services.....	198 18
Geo. E. Batchelder, counsel fees.....	35 00
Frank N. Pike, police services .....	106 60
John Q. Evans, police services and expenses.....	70 80
J. M. Eaton, police services and expenses.....	27 75
Wesley Pettengill, police services and expenses..	24 20
John Q. Evans, police supplies .....	12 35
Samuel Coffin, police services .....	13 50
Samuel Coffin, services as truant officer.....	2 00
Wesley Pettengill, attendance at Lawrence court.	12 25
J. M. Eaton, attendance at Lawrence court.....	8 70
Charles H. Lord, attendance at Lawrence court..	24 93
Frank N. Pike, attendance at Lawrence court ..	12 25
John Q. Evans, attendance at Lawrence court and witness fees paid.....	58 95
John Q. Evans, attendance at Salem court and witness fees paid.....	32 45
Charles E. Jackman, attendance at Salem court..	7 30
Charles H. Lord, attendance at Salem court .....	9 70
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Total.....	\$795 71

[The sum of \$67.50 has been paid to the town officers by the local Law and Order League.]

## POLICE REPORT.

The undersigned hereby submits the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1889. Number of arrests during the year for offences committed in the town of Salisbury was 35. Arrests were made for the following offences: Assault and battery 9; assault on officer 1; contempt of court 1; common drunkard 1; drunkenness 4; defrauding board 2; larceny 1; larceny from building 1; lewd and lascivious behavior 1; violation of liquor law 10; non-support 1; complaint of dangerous dog 1; on suspicion and released 2.

The above cases were disposed of as follows:Appealed 3; bound over to superior court 1; case continued 1; committed for non-payment of fines 7; discharged 4; paid fines 10; Newburyport jail 2; paid costs 2; placed on file 1; committed to woman's prison 1; turned over to out of town officers 3.

## MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Reported lost—1 watch and 1 horse, both of which were recovered. Complaints investigated 5; dogs killed 2; disturbances suppressed without arrests 3; fire alarm 1; intoxicated persons helped home 3; meals furnished lodgers 17; nuisance investigated 1; search warrants for liquor served 6; attachments 3; notice served on tenant 1, and 3 old complaints were disposed of. Fees received \$41.06; fees due \$18.00.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. LORD.  
Constable and Chief of Police.

## NOTES AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid David B. Sanborn, note and interest.....	\$1024 11
Moses True, interest.....	50 00
Samuel P. French estate, interest.....	33 00
David B. Sanborn, interest.....	40 00
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	\$1147 11

## STATE AID PAYMENTS.

Mary Dow.....	\$48 00
Ellen M. Jones.....	48 00
Caroline Watts.....	48 00
Owen Sweeney, 10 months.....	30 00
Mary E. Sanborn.....	24 00
Jonathan D. Fullford, 3 months.....	9 00
William Oakes, 1 month.....	6 00
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	\$213 00

## MILITARY AID.

Josiah F. Brown.....	\$48 00
John C. Jones.....	48 00
Jonathan D. Fullford, 8 months.....	32 00
Isaiah F. Pike.....	66 00
Henry Hardy, 8 months.....	32 00
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	\$226 00

## SCHOOL EXPENSES.

## TEACHERS.

Paid	Annie M. Dowd, teaching.....	\$ 18 75
	Mary A. Morrill, teaching.....	210 00
	John Q. A. Pettingell, teaching.....	540 00
	Sarah M. Moulton, teaching .....	308 00
	Emma Brown, teaching.....	209 25
	Etta T. True, teaching.....	234 75
	Nellie T. Pettengill, teaching .....	245 00
	Emma E. Emerson, teaching.....	30 00
	Emma F. Pike, teaching music .....	6 00
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		\$1801 75

## MISCELLANEOUS SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid	Boston School Supply Co., books.....	\$44 44
	D. Appleton & Co., books.....	25 36
	Porter & Coates, books.....	16 00
	Cowperthwait & Co., books.....	15 04
	Wm. Ware & Co., books.....	14 90
	J. L. Hammett, books.....	13 83
	Harper & Brothers, books,.....	12 96
	M. H. Sargent, school supplies.....	26 29
	Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., books.....	10 20
	F. M. Ambrose, books.....	9 95
	Ginn & Co., books.....	6 00
	Harrison Hume, books.....	4 35
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		\$199.32

## SCHOOL REPAIRS, FUEL &amp;c.

Paid	P. A. True, fuel.....	\$ 7 00
	Samuel Stevens, fuel.....	37 62
	George W. True, fuel .....	18 00
	John Janvrin's estate, fuel.....	26 63
	Aaron Deal's estate, fuel .....	4 25
	Moses True, fuel.....	11 75
	Caleb Pike, fuel.....	11 00
	Geo. W. Eaton, fuel .....	6 38
	Wesley Pettengill, fuel .....	5 00
	Amasa Pike, sawing wood .....	20 80
	Henry Fernald, sawing wood .....	3 00
	O. S. Eaton, sawing wood .....	1 50

Paid	M. H. Jackman, sawing wood.....	50
	Mrs. Robert C. Eaton, cleaning rooms .....	8 50
	Mrs. Ruth Morrill, cleaning rooms.....	8 25
	Mrs. J. T. Cilley, cleaning rooms .....	3 15
	Mrs. Almira W. Jones, cleaning rooms .....	3 60
	Albert L. Patten, janitor.....	4 80
	Bennie Pike, janitor .....	90
	F. W. Knowles, janitor.....	5 70
	Ralph True, janitor.....	90
	Henry Fernald, janitor.....	13 20
	Moses H. Jackman, janitor .....	6 60
	Wilbur C. True, janitor .....	3 30
	Geo. H. Fullford, janitor .....	9 60
	Charles M. Pike, janitor.....	9 60
	Pike Brothers, janitor.....	9 60
	Mary A. Morrill, school furniture.....	3 00
	Walter R. Morrill, lumber .....	4 50
	James C. Colman, lumber .....	10 54
	J. M. Eaton, furniture and repairs .....	5 60
	P. A. True, grading .....	5 00
	Amos B. Coffin, labor and repairs.....	35 06
	Geo. W. Dow, repairs.....	4 25
	S. H. Thurlow, locks and nails.....	2 83
	S. H. Chapin & Co., brooms and pails .....	1 35
	W. H. Toppan, mason work.....	4 07
	John H. Balch, curtains.....	3 70
	David W. Deal, repairs.....	13 20
	Evans & Milliken, printing .....	2 00
	Total .....	\$336 23
	Total amount expended for schools	\$2337.30

## SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid	Benj. F. Evans, wood for Caroline Collins.....	\$3 50
	John W. Marshall, board of Eliza Sawyer, 41 weeks	82 00
	Frank B. True for his support.....	10 00
	Mrs. Olpho Rogers for her support .....	10 00
	Charles H. Lord, care of tramps.....	6 40
	Board of Josephine Chase at Danvers Hospital..	77 53
	Board of Elmer E. Pike at Danvers Hospital.....	27 86
	Board of Clara A Wright, at Danvers Hospital..	19 96
	Clara A. Wright, for her support.....	30 00
	Town of Rowley, care of Clara A. Wright .....	14 00
	Geo. E. Stone, care of Clara A. Wright .....	7 00
	Dr. G. W. Worcester, attendance on Clara A. Wright	2 50

Paid	Geo. W. Snow, med. attendance on Elmira E. Pike	5 60
	Wesley Pettengill, expense to Danvers.....	4 50
	Wesley Pettengill, supplies to poor.....	7 00
	S. H. Chapin & Co., supplies to Susan Pierce...	3 00
	City of Newburyport supplies to poor.....	31 00
	Town of Amesbury, supplies to Mary E. Dole....	15 75
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		\$357 60

Since the annual meeting in accordance with the vote of the town, the town farm has been sold to John W. Marshall for \$1500 together with personal property sold to the value of \$86 17 which sum has been used for payment of the town debt.

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#### TOWN NOTES.

Due	David B. Sanborn, note dated Oct. 8, 1886, 3 years at 4 per cent.....	\$1000 00
	David B. Sanborn, int. to Mar. 1, 1889.....	16 00
	Samuel P. French, est. note dated Aug. 26, 1886, 3 years at 4 per cent.....	825 00
	Samuel B. French, int. on same to Mar. 1, 1889	17 00
	Moses True, note dated Aug. 3, 1886, 3 years at 4 per cent.....	1250 00
	Moses True, int. on same to Mar. 1, 1889.....	28 75
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		\$3136 75

# TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1889.

	DR.
To Cash received of J. L. Cilley, treasurer last year .	\$1765 60
from sale of town farm .....	1500 00
from State corporation taxes .....	294 38
from State National Bank tax .....	617 82
from State and military aid .....	275 00
from A. M. Huntington, treasurer,	
4-5 State tax.....	2448 00
from A. M. Huntington, corporation	
and bank taxes .....	1192 66
from personal property at almshouse	86 17
from estate of Mary E. Fitts .....	65 00
from Essex county, dog fund.....	143 20
from State, school fund.....	420 20
from Sarah Douglas, towards sup-	
port of Eliza Sawyer.....	25 00
from J. Q. Evans, court fees .....	82 09
from town of Amesbury for gravel .	20 00
from town of Amesbury for Newbury-	
port bridge.....	101 70
from Geo. W. Cate, court fees.....	13 50
from J. M. Eaton, auctioneer's license	2 00
from C. M. Ham, license for flying	
horses .....	2 00
from Bert Wing, billiard license ...	2 00
from Hiram Littlefield, billiard	
license .....	2 00
from Salisbury Law and Order	
League .....	22 50
from rent of town hall.....	35 25
from E. P. Shaw, advertising hearing	4 00
from interest on taxes collected....	80
from taxes committed to collect....	6386 26
Total .....	\$15507 13

## CR.

By corporation and bank taxes paid the Commonwealth	\$1192 66
State tax paid.....	3060 00
payment of county tax .....	520 49
of bills for highways and bridges.....	1548 80
of bills for town hall .....	185 40
of miscellaneous expenses.....	545 62
of police expenses.....	795 71
of notes and interest.....	1147 11
of State and military aid.....	439 00
of schools .....	2337 30
of poor department.....	357 60
of commissions on taxes collected .....	98 63
of discounts for prompt payment .....	80 62
of uncollected taxes .....	1454 52
of cash in treasury.....	1743 67
Total.....	\$15507 13

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT—1887.

1888, March 1, John L. Cilley in account with the town of Salisbury.

## DR.

To uncollected taxes.....	\$920 05
Cash for collected.....	892 10
1889, March 1, interest received on collected taxes.....	20 19
	\$1832 34

## CR.

By cash paid P. H. Moulton, Treasurer.....	\$1765 60
Abatements.....	46 20
Commissions.....	15 65
One uncollected tax.....	4 89
	\$1832 34

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Notes against the town March 1st, 1889 .....	\$3136 75
School bills due.....	250 00
Pauper bills due .....	75 00
Due town of Amesbury corporation tax (overpaid by State) .....	400 00
 Total .....	 \$3861 75
 Cr. By State aid payments due from State .....	\$372 00
uncollected tax due from J. L. Cilley .....	4 89
uncollected tax due from P. H. Moulton .....	1454 52
cash in treasury .....	1743 67
 Total .....	 \$3575 08
Net town debt, balance .....	286 67
Town debt March 1st, 1888 was.....	2247 85
Town debt March 1st, 1889 was.....	286 67
Decrease of debt.....	1961 18

The accounts of the town have been examined by me, and I find proper vouchers for the sums expended.

WM. H. GREENLEAF, Auditor.

WESLEY PETTENGILL, } Selectmen  
JOSEPH M. EATON, } of  
JOHN Q. EVANS, } Salisbury.

Salisbury, March 1, 1889.

## DEATHS IN SALISBURY.

DURING THE YEAR ENDING, MARCH 1, 1889.

		YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS
1888.				
March 13	Capt. Nicholas French,	90	2	17
April 28	Catherine Creed,	60	10	
May 17	Israel Dow,	83	4	
May 28	Rachel M. Hunt,	29	6	18
June 2	Lucy Brown,	33	8	
June 16	John Hunt,	1	9	22
June 30	Andrew Eaton,	65	11	
July 11	Annie Bassett,	35	5	12
July 23	Eliza S. Kingsbury,	80		
Aug. 10	Mary Dow,	79	7	10
Sept. 1	Martha Truasdal,	66		
Sept. 2	William B. Tappan,	56	8	2
Sept. 12	Mary S. French,	79		
1889.				
Jan. 9	Frank Morrill,	34	11	29
Jan. 10	Mary Cilley,	76	8	14
Jan. 13	Margaret M. Gentleman,	40		17
Jan. 19	Henry Pike,	85	6	16
Feb. 6	Agnes L. Morrill,		7	7
Feb. 15	Hannah Eaton,	62	2	3
Feb. 23	John C. Jones,	64	8	

## SCHOOL REPORT.

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The school board organized by choosing P. A. True chairman, and J. M. Eaton secretary and agent to procure school supplies. The school year commenced with the same teachers as last year except in the Pike school. Miss Dowd resigned her position there, and the committee were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Emma Brown. Miss Mary A. Morrill taught the Plains school for two terms, when she resigned her charge, and Miss E. C. Emerson of Hampstead, N. H., was engaged to finish the school year. Miss Morrill had brought her school to a high standard and improved the school in many respects, especially in maintaining good order and encouraging her pupils to be prompt and punctual in attendance. Miss Emerson is a teacher of experience, and we hope her services may be retained the coming year. The other schools have been in charge of the same teachers for a number of years, are well-known residents of our village and need no explanations as to their ability.

At the commencement of the spring term the most advanced class of the True School, six in number, entered the Grammar School; also the highest class from Cushing School No. 2, ten in number; and the highest class from the Pike Primary, were transferred to Cushing School No. 2. From the Grammar School, three scholars were admitted to the Putnam Free School at Newburyport, in July, and two have attended a commercial college at Boston. Carrie M. Gerrish and Alvah A. Eaton from Salisbury graduated at the Putnam Free School at Newburyport during the past year; and at the present time Salisbury is furnishing eleven scholars to the same institution.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Much has been said on this subject and more is necessary to be said, written and repeated until further improvement is made in this direction. The general indifference of scholars and par-

ents has been often dwelt upon, and still the attendance shows but little improvement. The town has furnished inviting and pleasant school rooms, teachers of experience are employed, free text books and school supplies are furnished all scholars, and still the absent marks on the register make a bad showing. One matter we wish to call to the attention of parents is that they are heedless in the matter of encouraging their children to be always at school. One of our teachers offered prizes at the commencement of the terms to all scholars who should have no absent or tardy marks against their names, and very good results followed. We remember one of our most successful teachers at the Mills village years ago took especial pains to visit parents of absent scholars and she would thoroughly investigate every case of absence personally, and she had a model school.

#### HEALTH OF SCHOLARS.

Our schools have been free from severe sickness for the past year. For the information of all interested parties we quote the State law concerning contagious diseases: "School committees shall not allow any pupil to attend the public schools while any member of the household to which such pupil belongs is sick of small pox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, or during a period of two weeks after the death, recovery or removal of such sick person."

#### SINGING.

Our teachers are singers, and, although the study of music is not required, the practice of singing every day is encouraged by the committee. It tends to give variety to the exercises of the school room, helps dispel dull care, relieves the action of the brain, and is a healthy exercise.

#### SCHOLARS.

The whole number of children in the town on the first day of May between the ages of five and fifteen was as follows:

At the Village, four schools,	141
At the Plains, one school,	36
At Ring's Island, one school,	33
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210	

#### FINANCIAL.

Town appropriation	\$2000 00
Received from state school fund	420 20
Received from county, dog fund,	143 20
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\$2563 40	

## AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED.

For teachers wages,	\$1786 00
Text-books and stationery,	199 32
Miscellaneous school expenses,	336 23
Due for fuel and janitor services,	47 00
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Unexpended balance,	\$2368 55
	\$194 85

The amount of money received from the State school fund was much larger than usual. A special act of the Legislature of last year authorized a distribution of surplus school fund money among the small towns of the State. The probabilities are that the amount for the coming year will be about half as much as we received for the past year.

## SCHOOL ACCOMODATIONS.

The present number of school-rooms is sufficient for all the scholars in town, if they were conveniently located. But the Pike primary seems to be crowded every term, although a class is advanced to the intermediate school every year. Some scholars are continually leaving the advanced schools, either to attend school out of town or to go to work, while the primary department is rather crowded. It has been suggested that the Pike school-room be enlarged, and we think under the circumstances it is very necessary that it should be done.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

Not absent for two years and two terms: Plains School—Willie F. Peel. True School—Florence M. True.

Not absent for two years: Plains School—Roby W. Morrill, Bennie H. Pike, Fred A. Peel, Laura A. Neal, Amy P. Sanger, Cushing School No. 1, Ralph P. True.

Not absent for one year: True School—Moses H. Jackman, Laura May Eaton. Pike School—Fred P. Brown.

Not absent for two terms: Plains School—Freddie Brown, Arthur Brown, L. Wilson Clifford, Willie F. Dow, Joseph A. Merrill. True School—Helen W. True, Lucy E. Fowler, Cushing School, No. 1, George W. Brown, George H. Fullford, Edith V. Currier. Pike School—Charlie Fullford, Sadie French. March School—Georgia Colman, Edna Thurlow.

Not absent for one term: Plains School—Lizzie M. Clifford, Annie M. Dow, Bertha J. Langley, Alvah Sillaway, Grace Hunt, Everett H. Dow, Harvey C. Nutting, Willie C. Bassett, Charles Dow. True School—Bennie D. Young, Austin P. Frost. Cushing School, No. 1—Nellie F. Eaton, Fred W. Dow, Howard Stevens. Cushing School, No. 2—Eliza B. Fulford, Nellie S. Chapin, Moses K. Pike, Walter N. Brown, Mary F. Brown. Pike School—Dwight Meader, Winfred Pike, Mamie E. Pike, Agnes E. Pike. March School—Mamie Rhodegrass.

Respectfully,

P. ALBERT TRUE,      }      School  
JOSEPH M. EATON,      }  
AMOS B. COFFIN,      }      Committee.

# STATISTICAL TABLE.

SCHOOLS.	PRING TERM.				FALL TERM.				WINTER TERM.			
	No. of Scholars.	No. between 8 and 14 years.	Average attend- ance.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Scholars.	No. between 8 and 14 years.	Average attend- ance.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Scholars.	No. between 8 and 14 years.	Average attend- ance.	No. of Scholars.
Cushing No. 1. - -	39	39	55	58	\$60	37	20	36	31	34	54	\$60
Cushing No 2. - -	26	24	26	33	38	28	27	25	26	24	25	28
Pike. - - - - -	37	12	36	32	89	92	27	43	15	42	36	64
March. - - - - -	24	15	23	19	83	39	28	32	15	28	24	27
True. - - - - -	26	17	23	19	83	57	27	24	17	22	16	18
Plains. - - - - -	31	23	30	28	90	4	28	33	21	28	26	30



